

Annual Picnic.

The annual picnic of Owosso Council No. 218, United Commercial Travelers, will be held at McCurdy park, Saturday. It is expected that practically every member and his family will be present and a program of sports, games and other entertainment will follow a picnic dinner at noon.

Waives Examination.

Benjamin Fisher of Byron, waived examination in Durand, Friday, and was bound over to the circuit court on a local option violation charge. Fisher claims the dance at his home was a surprise and he had some beer but did not intentionally violate the law.

Named Co-Trustee.

Judge Howard Weist of Lansing, in the circuit court at Corunna, Saturday, named E. M. Miller of Owosso, to act as joint trustee with D. R. Salisbury, but with sole authority pending a final hearing as to a receivership for the Salisbury opera house property in Owosso asked for by John F. Salisbury.

Temperance Picnic Postponed to August 27.

The annual union rally and picnic of the Shiawassee County Sunday school association and the Amalgamated Temperance association, which was to have been held at McCurdy park on August 6, has been postponed until Friday, August 27, on account of the inability of the committee in charge to engage speakers it desired to secure.

Donates Land For Road.

Joseph Geeck of Venice township, has purchased from Mrs. Susie Jenks a strip of land needed to complete the state road from Flint to Owosso. Caledonia township purchased land sometime ago from Peter Gilna that was needed and with the completion of a mile of road in Venice and one in Caledonia there will be state road all the way from Flint to Owosso.

Hearing Adjourned.

The hearing on the petition to have a guardian appointed for Mrs. Alvira Doan of Corunna, was had Friday. It was adjourned by Judge Bush until Aug. 23. Warren Doan of New Haven township, alleges undue influence by relatives. Mrs. Doan declares no one will receive her property until her death. Mr. and Mrs. Klinkman of Flint, were in Corunna for the hearing. Mrs. Klinkman is a daughter of Mrs. Doan.

Must Vacate Farm.

William Ryan of Burns township, lost his suit before Circuit Court Commissioner W. J. Parker in Corunna, Friday, and an order was issued forcing him to move off the farm he rented from Charles Anderson. Willard Church bought the farm of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Ryan held he should be allowed to stay until his lease expired in January. He will be allowed to harvest his crops.

Death of Mrs. Pearl Barlow.

Mrs. Pearl Barlow, wife of John Barlow of Corunna, died Tuesday at the Swayze hospital, in Owosso after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Barlow suffered an attack of typhoid fever last May from which she never recovered. Besides a husband she is survived by two small children. She was 30 years old and had resided in Corunna practically all her life.

The funeral was held from Shipman's chapel Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. E. J. Cross officiating.

Morrice Home-Coming.

Plans are being made for a home coming by the Morrice Boosters' association which will take place the last Saturday in August, the 28th. An ox roast is to be one of the main attractions and sports of all kinds, good band music, dancing, a balloon ascension and the final and deciding game of the booster series which determines the winner of the \$25 prize will be the other attraction. Old residents who have left town will all be given a special invitation to return to the old home for the day and review the scenes of their childhood and renew old acquaintances.

Money For Alumni Building at University.

The following committee has been named to push the project of raising money for the Michigan Union building at the University at Ann Arbor: A. D. Whipple, W. A. Seegmiller, Harold Hume, W. J. Melchers, W. R. Goodrich and Gaylord Finch. There are about 100 alumni in the county and the campaign for funds will probably be taken up in September. The campaign throughout the country will begin October 2, when meetings will be held in the 137 city centers. It is the hope of the local committee to get much of the work done in September.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The county teachers' examination will be held in Corunna, Aug. 12, 13 and 14 in charge of County School Commissioner Howard Slocum and County School Examiners F. F. Curtis of Shattsbury and F. Collier of Perry.

Depot Grounds Beautified.

The fine lawn to the east and north of the Ann Arbor depot makes a noticeable improvement in the appearance of the property and to that part of the city. When the grounds are further improved by the planting of some shrubbery, the barns of the Owosso Ice & Fuel Co. covered by ivy and a row of spiraea or barberry set between the office of the Co. and the Washington street bridge a lesson in civic improvement at a very nominal cost will be completed for our citizens. It is to be regretted that conditions are such that a similar improvement cannot be made about the Grand Trunk station.

Owosso Malleables Lose.

The American Malleables base ball team of Lancaster, N. Y., came to Owosso Saturday and defeated the Owosso American Malleables team 8 to 0, the home team not securing a hit during the game, and but 32 men going to bat. A band led a parade of the teams and the employees of the Malleables plant to D. & C. park and a good crowd witnessed the game. The Malleables team was also defeated Sunday at D. & C. park by the St. Charles team 7 to 3, Gertz being ineffective because he pitched Saturday. With several errors the Owosso boys had little show for the game.

Sues M. U. T.

Austin E. Richards of Corunna, attorney for the Grand Trunk, started suit by summons in the circuit court, Friday, against the Michigan United Traction company. The suit involves the wages of a watchman at Washington street crossing.

Attorney Richards for the company, declares that during the building of the traction line it was agreed that a watchman should be kept at the crossing. The railroad company alleges that each company was to pay half. Now the Grand Trunk charges that the traction company has refused to pay its half of the \$1,000 claim.

Vernon Pioneer Passes Away.

Vernon, Aug. 2.—Otto Krell was born in Berlin, Prussia, Oct. 19, 1833, and passed away at his home here July 30, 1915, aged 83 years.

Mr. Krell had lived here for over fifty years. He was in the harness business for years until ill health compelled him to retire. He leaves to mourn his death three sons, Robert of Chicago, Emil and Louis of Detroit, and one daughter, Mrs. Mark Matthews, and two grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Bennett at the home on Monday afternoon. Burial in Greenwood cemetery by the side of his wife who preceded him by fourteen years.

FORM HOSPITAL CORPS

Capt. Harold Hume Will be in Charge of Interesting Department of National Guard Work.

Captain Harold Hume has received a letter from Colonel L. C. Covell, commanding the Thirty-second Michigan infantry, designating him officer in charge of the Thirty-second infantry infirmary or hospital corps, with authority to enlist the entire personnel of the corps in Owosso, sixteen men are required. The work is interesting and of educational value and Captain Hume will have little difficulty in enlisting young men of intelligence and good character for service in the work.

Vote on New School Building.

The taxpayers of the New Lothrop school district at a largely attended special meeting Friday, voted to submit the proposition to bond the district for a new school building. The special election will be held Aug. 9. The proposition will be to bond for two and one-half per cent of the valuation or \$7,365.

The action was taken following the condemnation of the present school building last week by Deputy State Factory Inspector James Lynch.

There was some opposition to the bonding proposition, but the great majority were in favor of the referendum. It is planned to have the new building of brick, and patterned after the building recently built at Lennon.

There is considerable agitation at New Lothrop to take in two of the outlying districts and make a 12-grade school. There are but 10 grades at present.

MILLER RELEASED

Bail in Sum of \$5,000 With Two Sureties Furnished—Motion to Reduce Amount Denied.

Charles H. Miller was released from jail Monday, pending his trial in September in the circuit court on a charge of attempting to poison his wife, on bail in the sum of \$5,000 with Frank Weidman of Owosso for \$3,000 and Geo. Sheldon of Caledonia, for \$2,000 as sureties.

Judge Miner denied the motion to reduce the amount of bail but allowed the bondsmen to qualify for different amounts.

Miller came to Owosso with his attorney L. F. Miner and left later for St. Johns where he will spend his time until the trial. He will not visit his home in this city.

POWER PLANT BURNED

\$15,000 Loss to Consumers' Power Company by Fire at Shiawassee town.

Fire started by a break in a generator caused the destruction of the Consumers' Power Co.'s power plant at Shiawassee town, Saturday morning, with a loss on building and machinery of \$15,000. Everyone who could reach the building made an effort to help put out the blaze but the entire structure was destroyed and all the valuable machinery ruined. The building was built by the Shiawassee Light & Power Co. and later taken over by the Commonwealth Power Co., now the Consumers' Power Company. Five towns received power and light from the plant, Perry, Morrice, Byron, Bancroft and Vernon and they were placed on the Jackson circuit.

Want Plans and Estimates.

The special meeting Tuesday of Owosso Lodge of Elks to decide on installing bowling alleys resulted in a postponement of definite action until plans and specifications and estimates could be secured by the committee.

The committee's report favored installing three alleys at a cost of \$3200. A number of members wished to put in the alleys and fix the balance of the basement for a dining room and kitchen at an expense of \$7500. A few were not in favor of making any changes. Various plans are being discussed and definite and favorable action is still hoped for by a large number of the members.

REV. BERNARD G. MATTONSON

Accepts Call to Pastorate of Congregational Church—Will Begin Services September 1st

At well attended meetings of the First Congregational Church and the Church and Society held on Friday evening last a unanimous call was extended to Rev. Bernard G. Mattson, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Mansfield, Ohio, to become pastor of the church. This action was taken upon the joint recommendation of the pulpits committee, the board of deacons and trustees after the report had been made by E. O. Dewey, reviewing the work of the committee and outlining the points which made the members of the committee and boards a unit in asking that Mr. Mattson be called. A number of those present took part in the discussion which followed and at its close the call was voted as stated, the Society later concurring in the action of the church.

Following a notification of the action taken here, Dr. Mattson on Sunday presented his resignation to the church in Mansfield and has notified the church officers that he would accept the call as soon as his resignation is accepted. His pastorate in Mansfield will end with the close of this month and he will begin his work here on September first. The church is very fortunate indeed to secure Dr. Mattson, who is regarded as one of the leaders of the denomination in Ohio, and a warm welcome awaits him in this city. Since entering the ministry he has had three pastorates, two years at Medina, Ohio, seven at Yankton, South Dakota, and something more than nine years at Mansfield, and has done successful work in each.

Fire Caused by Stove Explosion.

The explosion of a gasoline stove caused three hundred dollars damage to the house and contents at 715 N. Ball street late Tuesday night. The building is owned by G. L. Dimmick and was occupied by J. Koess and family. Mrs. Koess was ill and her daughter got up to heat some water. Mrs. Koess was forced to escape from the house in her night clothes with a small child in her arms.

Wins State Championship

B. S. Gaylord of Owosso, won the state amateur trapshooting championship in the contest at Saginaw on Thursday, tying with two others with 93 out of 100 each and winning in the shoot off by breaking 24 out of 25.

JURY ALLOWS \$125

A jury consisting of M. N. Bryington, W. A. McMullen, R. J. Colby, Charles Kline, George Hartwell and J. N. McBride were chosen to decide on the value of a gravel pit owned by A. E. Shannon of Carland, and wanted by the County Road Commission for use on public roads. The jury visited the pit Saturday and later allowed Mr. Shannon \$125 for a quarter of an acre and a right of way, the verdict being a compromise.

Trap Shoot Scores.

Out of a possible score of 150, Owosso trapshooters made marks as follows at the state tournament of the Michigan Gun Club held in Saginaw, Wednesday: B. S. Gaylord, 131; M. F. Blair, 130; Geo. P. Sackrider, 127; Fred Douglas, 91. H. Benson of Lainsburg, scored 137, 10 points below the winner. In the second day's contest, Gaylord and Sackrider scored 158 each, Blair 156; Howard Benson of Lainsburg, 162. The latter was fourth in the total score for the entire contest.

Potter Inquest Concluded.

The Potter inquest was resumed Tuesday, in the municipal court room, which was packed with people, and with their wet garments from the rain and perspiration, it certainly took morbid curiosity or a summons to keep any one listening to the neighborhood gossip and vulgar testimony that seemed to be necessary to find out whether Potter committed suicide or was assisted out of the world by his wife and her lover, Charles Coleman.

Mrs. Potter testified that her husband knew of her improper relations with Coleman for the past four years. She admitted quarreling with him, but that he had never found fault because of her relations with Coleman. She stated that her husband and Coleman were on good terms, that he knew of her purchasing the strychnine, stating also that her husband used drugs often for headaches, and was despondent at times. She denied the birth of a child two and a half years ago.

Mrs. Potter admitted paying the premium on her husband's life insurance the Saturday evening previous to his death, although he had been in the habit of paying it.

Mrs. Edith Ault of Chicago, a sister of Potter's, testified that when Mrs. Potter visited in Chicago three years ago, she was in delicate health, and abused her husband, and declared that the child was Coleman's. Later she received a letter from Mrs. Potter saying the child was dead.

Mrs. Edna Kingsley and Mrs. Mattie Kent testified they heard Mrs. Potter say "I did not kill him for his insurance. I wanted his debts paid." Mrs. Kent did not understand Mrs. Potter meant that she had killed him.

Dr. Watts testified that Mrs. Charles Coleman suffered with tuberculosis, and although he did not treat her the last four months before she died, he believed death resulted from it. He stated Mrs. Coleman had had good care.

Charles Coleman, held on a murder charge, was a witness Tuesday and told a straightforward and convincing story denying any connection with the death of Wm. Potter, whom he said was a good man and a kind husband and father and he knew no reason for his taking his own life. Coleman told of his flight from Owosso which he said was because he did not want to face the crowd when his relations with Mrs. Potter were testified to. He stated that he had started for Owosso when arrested. He had thought of cutting his throat. Dr. A. M. Hume testified regarding the death of Mrs. Coleman two years ago and that he had ordered relatives and friends kept from the house because of her illness of tuberculosis, and that the woman had good care. Coleman stated that the talk about Mrs. Potter and himself renting a piece of property had been done mostly by Mrs. Potter's sister. He admitted owing \$95 for board. The hearing was adjourned Tuesday to Thursday.

A verdict will be rendered Friday.

Albert Todd of this city, was elected treasurer and director of the Michigan Hay and Grain Dealers' association at the meeting held in Jackson, Thursday. Mr. Todd also had a part on the program of the day.

EXPECT A BIG CROWD

AT COUNTY MASONIC PICNIC AT McCURDY PARK AUG. 12

Address by Past Grand Master Lodge of Detroit, Sports, Games and General Good Time.

The annual picnic of the Shiawassee County Masonic association will be held at McCurdy Park, Corunna, Thursday, Aug. 12th. It is expected that this will be the largest picnic of the year, as the various lodges about the county are all interested, and the members of the fraternity and their friends will be present in large numbers. They will come early in the morning bringing their dinners, and in some cases enough for their suppers, and stay for the day and evening. The committees in charge have arranged for a full program and there will be something doing all the time, besides which there will be given an unusual opportunity to meet old friends and acquaintances.

Following the picnic dinner there will be held in the casino a short business session, at which time officers for next year will be elected. Hon. Frank T. Lodge of Detroit, past grand master of the grand lodge, F. & A. M., will deliver an address. Mr. Lodge is a leading attorney of Detroit, and one of the best public speakers in the state. His address will be a real feature of the day.

Games and sports will begin in the morning at ten o'clock, taking an intermission for dinner, and will be continued during the afternoon. There will be two base ball games between teams from the various Masonic orders of the county, and there are also fifteen sport events, there being two and three prizes offered for each event. In addition to these, prizes will be given to the Eastern Star chapter with the largest membership present; for the Masonic lodge with the largest membership present, Owosso and Corunna being barred in each of the above contests. There will also be a prize for the wagon or auto bringing the largest load of people for the distance of one mile or more; for the Master Mason attending from the longest distance; for the largest Masonic family in attendance; for the Masonic mother with the largest family; the oldest Masonic married couple present; the youngest Master Mason and wife; the Masonic couple with the youngest baby present, and for the largest family of Master Masons present composed of fathers and sons. The prizes are all of value and are worth striving for.

In the evening there will be dancing at the casino and altogether an unusually interesting and profitable day is promised to every one.

While the picnic is specially for the members of the Masonic fraternity, the citizens of the county generally are invited to be present.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH

Closes Year of Spiritual and Material Progress—Officers Elected and Reports Made.

The fourth quarterly conference of the First M. E. church was held Tuesday evening in the church parlors. Dr. A. B. Leonard, district superintendent, presided. Reports of the officers of the various organizations of the church showed that the church was never in a more flourishing condition.

The pastor in his report, stated that during the year 103 persons had been received into the church on probation, sixty-one into full membership, eleven by confession of faith and thirty-three by letter, making a total of 105. Four of the members have died and twelve have been removed by letter. There are still others to be received before the conference so that the net gain in membership will be at least 100. Since including June 7, 1914, the pastor has received 134 into the church. The present enrollment is 801, including 64 non-resident members.

The Sunday school has an enrollment of over 400 and is in splendid condition under the efficient superintendency of W. A. Upham. The pastor was unanimously invited to return for another year, and a resolution of appreciation of Dr. Leonard's service as district superintendent was adopted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Stewards, A. E. Omer, Dr. F. A. Watts, C. E. Underwood, E. G. Osborn, C. W. Jennings, C. H. Bailey, George Fauth, Ray Hall, M. J. Woodbury, Ray Gardner, Claude Thane Neal, Ira G. Curry, W. A. McTaggart, John Hughes, W. S. Cooper, G. W. Clark, J. M. Peru, Chester Patten, W. H. Lannstein, Wellington Williams, Arthur Alliton and M. W. Longman.

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RETAILERS' PICNIC

Will be Held at McCurdy Park Aug. 26—Home Coming and Demonstration Week Later.

The executive committee of the Retailers' association met Tuesday and selected Thursday, August 26th, as the date for the annual picnic to be held at McCurdy park. It is the plan of the retailers to make this the best event of its kind ever held. The wholesale houses are responding as never before to requests for prizes and a larger number and of greater value will be offered this year than has been offered in the past. The list of contests and the rules governing them will be published soon. Last year only the grocers and meat dealers took part but this year it is planned to have every retailer in the city join in the event.

A large attendance is necessary to make such an event a success and to insure this some of the retailers are putting it up to their clerks in this fashion: The stores will be closed to the public; the clerks can draw pay provided they attend the picnic with their families if they have any, or they can work at the store and draw pay, or they can remain away from the store and the picnic and not draw pay for the day. Every effort will be made to give every one attending a good time and it is the wish of the promoters that so many will attend that there will not be room in the park for them.

The executive committee of the retailers decided to refer to the Improvement Association the subject of "home coming" week with a recommendation that it be held in connection with the county fair. The plan as suggested will be to have the merchants especially and all others generally, send out invitations and circulars advertising the event. Advertising matter will probably be supplied all who wish it.

A demonstration week will be put on by the retailers during October at which time the various merchants will have manufacturers' exhibits and demonstrations in the several stores.

Child Drinks Poison.

Gordon Brown, two and a half years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Whitney, 400 Single avenue, died on Wednesday afternoon about 6 o'clock from the effects of a small quantity of carbolic acid.

The child's mother had been using the acid to relieve an aching tooth of her other son, and had left the bottle containing about a teaspoonful of the liquid on the table. Immediately after drinking the contents the child carried the empty bottle to his mother, who hurried him to a physician. The child died shortly after reaching the doctor's office.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney came to this city to reside about four years ago from McBain. Mr. Whitney is employed as fireman by the Ann Arbor Railroad Co.

A short prayer service will be held at the home Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock and the remains will be taken to McBain for burial.

Jailed on Debt Claim.

On complaint of Mrs. Sarah Monrean, James H. McCarthy, a contractor of Owosso, was arrested Tuesday and put in jail at Corunna on a capias action. Mrs. Monrean claims that McCarthy owes her \$485.07, and that he failed to pay \$360 on bills for material for a house he was remodeling for her. McCarthy was released under \$1200 bonds Wednesday. Daniel Shuster and Geo. O'Hern becoming sureties.

Call Pastor.

After hearing two excellent sermons Sunday, by Rev. H. A. Waite of Perry, N. Y., the First Baptist church of this city called a meeting for Thursday evening to consider extending a call to Rev. Waite to become pastor, at which it was voted unanimously to ask him to become pastor. He will probably accept and begin his work here October first.

Handsome Store Front.

Attorney Roy D. Matthews is using white enameled brick for the facing of the 302-33, two story addition which he is building on the old brewery property, at the corner of Main and Water streets, making as attractive a front as there is in the city. The brick cost \$70 a thousand and are manufactured in New Jersey.

Vote on Local Option.

Corunna, Mich., Aug. 5.—Shiawassee county is to be the scene of another "wet" and "dry" fight next spring according to information given out at Darand this week. The report says that the wet forces have their plans all laid and that the initial drop into the treasury has been made. Petitions will be circulated soon.